



South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home

February 2, 2021

Dear Resident Representative,

SDVH currently has three (3) active cases of COVID-19 in residents and two (2) active cases in staff. The Old Glory, Veterans Lane, Nasa, and Stars & Stripes households remain on quarantine and those residents will continue to be closely monitored for the next fourteen (14) days.

All residents will be tested for COVID-19 weekly over the next 14 days following CMS and SD DOH guidelines for testing when there is a positive staff or resident with exposure to facility.

If you have any questions regarding your loved one's care, please call their Resident Care Coordinator at 605-745-5127 extension:

- Nasa and Stars & Stripes – Wendy Brehe – 1500219
- Veterans Lane and Old Glory – Jenny Hayashi – 1500444
- Custer and Joe Foss – Natalie Hooper – 1500229
- South Pacific and JASCO – Susan Stava – 1500506

Per CMS and DOH guidelines, indoor lobby visits have been suspended until further notice due to the positive cases in the facility. Back door visits and group activities are also suspended until further notice.

We continue to follow all precautions based on state and federal guidelines as well as CDC and DOH recommendations to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. Increased environmental services and cleaning are in place at this time. All entry and exit to the facility continue to be limited to one entrance and all staff are being screened upon entry.

We appreciate your continued flexibility and will update you as soon as we know of any changes. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you can call administration at 605-745-5127 ext.1500116 or Rachelle Infection Preventionist at 605-745-5127 ext. 1500339 regarding questions about COVID-19 and the facility.

Sincerely,
Rachelle Butler, RN
Infection Preventionist